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Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHOD USING INFORMATION BASED INDICIA  
FOR SECURING AND AUTHENTICATING TRANSACTIONS**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of Applicants or attorneys or agents for Applicants which are or may be material to the examination of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449 entitled "List of References Cited."

Identification of references listed on PTO Form 1449 is not to be construed as an admission that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since the form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a revised form PTO 1449 entitled "List of References Cited." The right is reserved to antedate any reference in accordance with standard procedure.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists. This submission is understood to complement the results of the Examiner's own independent search.

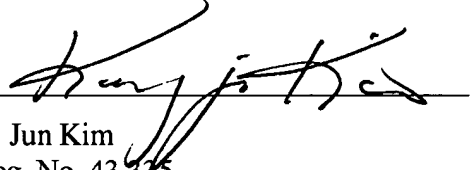
A copy of the items on the revised PTO-1449 is supplied herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the attached references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-referenced application.

Applicants believe that no fee is required with the submission of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement because the IDS is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. However if any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1896 for any fees required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. **A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed for accounting purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,

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